

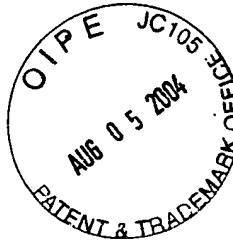


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$36** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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01 FC:1001	770.00	OP
02 FC:1051	130.00	OP
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Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$936** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$36**

- **\$36 for 2 total claims over 20.**

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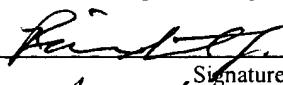
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Attention: Manager,
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated June 24, 2004, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application (1p) and Power of Attorney (2p) for the above-referenced patent application.
- Applicant:
 - is other than small entity
- Checks totaling \$936 for:
 - Filing Fee of \$770.
 - Surcharge of \$130.
 - Additional Claim Fees of \$36.
- Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- Other: Assignment and Assignment Recordal (3p) and Fee \$40.
- Other: Information Disclosure Statement and PTO 1449 (5p) in dupl.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 2, 2004



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